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Dear Professor Kikkawa:

It has occurred to me that if you have not already considered the matter, it might be worth while for you to ask the Jane Coffin Childs Fund\* for information concerning their grants program, as it might be applicable to your Institute. I was a fellow of the Childs Fund when I first went to work with Tatum, and for that reason I have always had a very fond regard for their support. Since they are now probably interested in finding opportunities for support that are out of the ordinary and not covered by existing grants programs, this is something that you might well want to look into.

You should know that the principal dedication of the Childs Fund is for cancer research, but this has always been regarded as at a most fundamental level and there should be no difficulty in establishing a justification for requesting support for the work of the Institute. In fact, it probably would be wise not to overemphasize the connection, since the directors of the Funds are undoubtedly already well aware of the significance of basic research for the cancer problem.

Please give my best regards to Dr. Hirota.

Sincerely yours,

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